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SUBJECT: US/USSR DIRECT COMMUNICATIONS LINK (DCL) TALKS

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- 1. MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS PROTOCOL CHIEF SMIRNOV REQUESTED MEETING WITH EMBOFF FEBRUARY 11 TO DISCUSS PROGRAM FOR DCL TALKS IN MOSCOW. AT OUTSET, SMIRNOV PRESENTED LETTER DATED FEBRUARY 10 FROM DR. SAVITSKIY TO ECON COUNSELOR. EMBASSY'S INFORMAL TRANSLATION FOLLOWS.
- 2. BEGIN: "EXPRESSING THANKS TO MR. W.E. NAEHER FOR HIS LETTER OF JANUARY 29, 1976, I CAN AFFIRM THE ACCEPTABILITY OF THE DATE MARCH 15 FOR THE INITIATION OF TALKS ON DIRECT COMMUNICATIONS LINES TGP-3 AND TGP-4." END QUOTE.
- 3. PRELIMINARY PROGRAM OUTLINED BY SMIRNOV IS AS FOLLOWS:
  - MARCH 14 ARRIVAL OF US DELEGATION
  - MARCH 15, 16, 17 WORKING DAYS; MEETINGS WITH DR. MINASHIN
  - MARCH 18 DEPARTURE BY PLANE FOR L'VOV
  - MARCH 19 WORKING DAY; EARTH STATION QUESTIONS
  - MARCH 20 RETURN TO MOSCOW BY PLANE
  - MARCH 21 FREE DAY
  - MARCH 22 SIGNING OF PROTOCOL; DEPARTURE OF US DELEGATION.
- 4. IN RESPONSE TO EMBOFF'S QUESTIONS, SMIRNOV STATED: TRIP TO MOSCOW EARTH STATION IS POSSIBLE, BUT DR. MINASHIN MUST APPROVE; SOVIET SIDE HAS NO NEW AGENDA ITEMS, BUT HE WILL CHECK FURTHER; LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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SOVIET DELEGATION LIST WILL BE PROVIDED AS SOON AS POSSIBLE; AND

HE WILL MAKE ARRANGEMENTS FOR US DELEGATION TO STAY AT NATIONAL HOTEL.

- 5. SMIRNOV ASKED WHETHER COMPOSITION OF US DELEGATION WOULD REMAIN SAME AND ALSO THAT HE BE INFORMED SOONEST DATES OF ARRIVAL AND DEPARTURE SO HE COULD PROCEED WITH HOTEL RESERVATIONS.
- 6. SMIRNOV REQUESTED THAT US DELEGATION OBTAIN OWN PLANE TICKETS FOR L'VOV TRIP AND EMBOFF RESPONDED THIS COULD BE DONE THROUGH EMBASSY ONCE MINISTRY PROVIDES MORE SPECIFIC SCHEDULE.
- 7. COMMENT: SMIRNOV GAVE EMBOFF COPY OF SOVIET LIST OF US DELEGATION MEMBERS, INCLUDING NAME OF JOHN COLLINS, DEFENSE COMMUNICATIONS AGENCY, WHO WAS NOT ON LISTS PROVIDED EARLIER TO EMBASSY BY DEPARTMENT. WOULD APPRECIATE CLARIFICATION IN FINAL LIST TRASMITTED OF US DELEGATION MEMBERS. STOESSEL

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